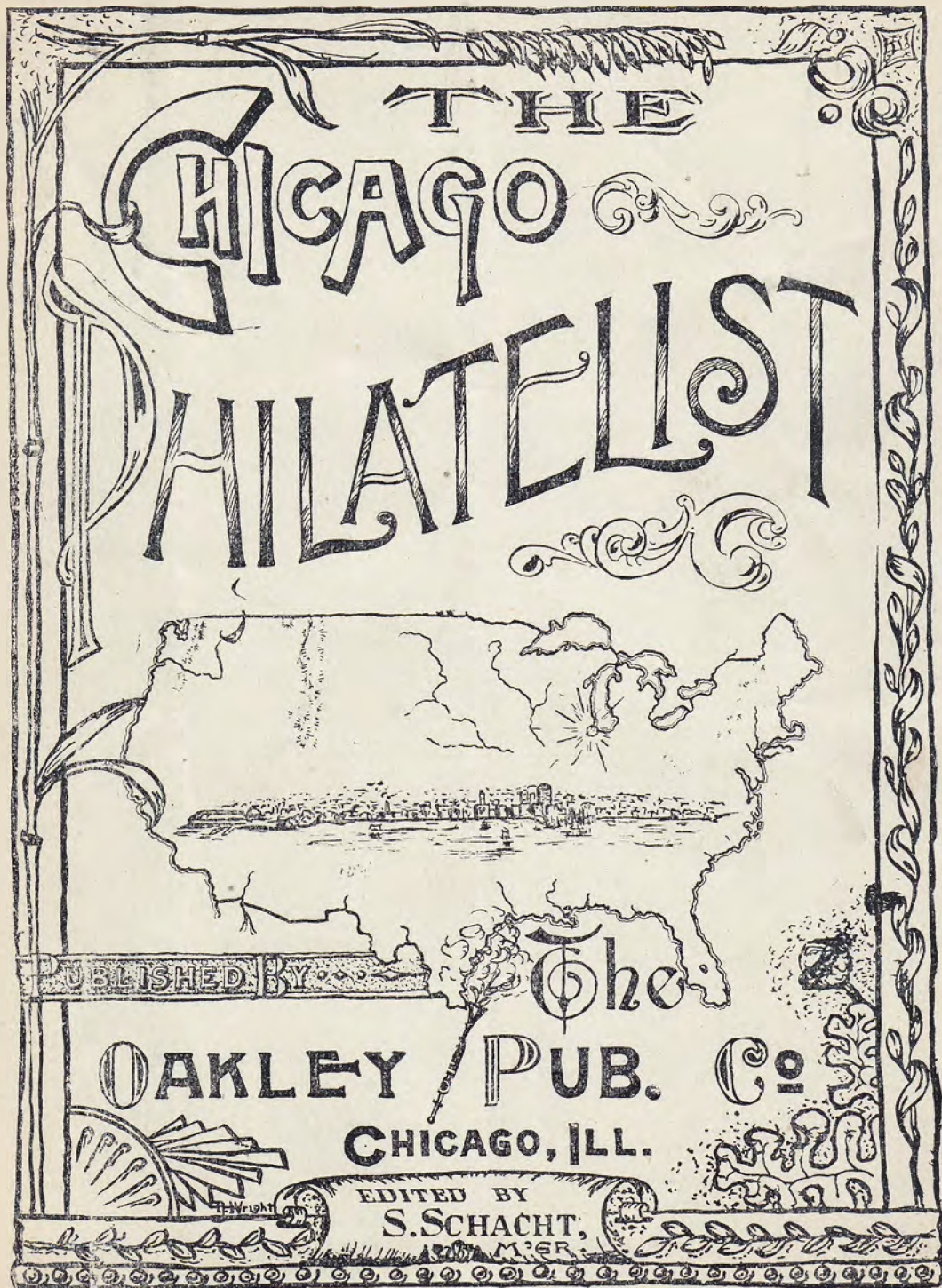


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INTRODUCTION.

We shall make an earnest effort to be, and to be of interest.

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EDITOR.

THE COLLECTOR'S CHOICE.

THE sun set upon the sea, and the moon rose above the hills, and the stars came out smiling through the clouds like bands of angels, with linked hands, flying through the heavens, and a maid of wondrous beauty reclined in a pleasant seat in the dwelling of her ancestors, a fallen star sprite.

Alone, she was dreaming, perhaps of faces imaged on her heart, in childhood, when her parents were yet among the living visions of joy that had passed away.

The night dews are hanging lightly on the flowers, and the green leaves in moving shadows are trembling on the walls, and the lengthened frames of waving boughs are crawling on the floor, as the shades of a new memory of manly face and form pictures to her mind a traveler she had met at a social gathering the night previous. She had enjoyed hearing him converse; so wise, so pleasant was the stranger.

She found that he filled a place in her heart's memory, as if in the ages past she had known and loved him well. Consoled with the thought that she had great wealth, beauty, youth and an honest heart.

She determined to win his affections if possible. She arose and closed the blinds, while the moonbeams gladdened the hills.

She played a harp which had been silently awaiting the hour when it should be called to tell a tale "where words so ill express."

The traveler was a man of middle-age, handsome, with wealth at his command, and employed in the then somewhat new occupation of collecting stamps.

He visited this out-of-the-way place for the purpose of gathering from the old families, postage stamps of early continental days, and had visited many lands, collecting treasures of Philately for his library in his spacious home in the east.

While in one of the large cities, not far away from this old town of our tale, he had found a rare collection of stamps for which he had offered a fabulous sum, without avail, and had now determined to unearth treasures which had been stored in the old dwellings of small towns.

He had met Maud, for that was the romantic maiden's name, who was still in her teens, the night previous at a gathering to which he had been invited by an old friend he chanced to meet, and was so pleased with Maud, and flattered by her evident interest in his conversation that he determined to accept her invitation to call the following day and begin the hunt for old stamps in her castle. And as he smoked and read in his room in the village tavern he meditated. Man seldom welcomes you farther than the threshold of his heart, but a child invites you within the temple where alone the incense of unselfish love burns upon its own altar.

CHAPTER II.

Maud arose in the morning ready for action, and calling her librarian, who had been with her father, but whom she had often considered a useless appendage to a great house.

She told him to be seated, as she wished to ask him some questions, and being a wise man he obeyed.

Maud thus began:

"Last night I met a gentleman who talked to me much about philately, and I gathered from his remarks, it was collecting old stamps. Now, he is coming to call this evening, and as he has said no library is complete without a collection, I wish you to ride into the city with all possible haste and buy me the rarest collection to be had, regardless of cost, and get back by evening, when it must be already to exhibit. You must study it all the way home so as to instruct me how to show it to advantage. How much will such an affair cost, Mr. Wilson?"

"If you should get the finest collection in the city, which I believe is not for sale, I think it would be cheap at five thousand dollars."

"Whew! I thought it would cost about a hundred dollars; but I must have it. You call at my solicitors and arrange for the purchase, and be sure you bring the best."

Mr. Wilson started at once on his errand.

"Papa used to say, Mr. Wilson never failed."

"If I cannot attract a lover with wealth, beauty and old castle, and his hobby personified, in the oldest and best collection in the city, then no doubt he must travel further."

At noon Mr. Wilson returned with the coveted prize, which had cost, as he anticipated, five thousand dollars.

The traveler, Mr. Morgan by name, called in the evening, as was expected.

During a lull in the conversation of foreign lands and places, Maud said: "Perhaps you would like to look at my collection?" "Surely I should be pleased," Mr. Morgan replied.

Mr. Wilson was called on to exhibit the treasure, which he did with understanding, Maud having concluded she could not master the subject in an afternoon. And although Mr. Morgan recognized that the collection was one he had tried to buy, he said nothing. Later in the evening as he was departing, he asked Maud if she would part with her collection for a fair sum. "Certainly not," she replied, "it is part of our library, and you yourself have said that a library is not complete without a good stamp collection."

"That is true," Mr. Morgan replied, and added, "I have heard my mother say that a home was incomplete without a wife."

"Both sayings of your family may be true," Maud replied.

So the night ended, and the traveler returned to his quarters.

And as the summer told its story of unfolded petals and joyous floating sunbeams, the sayings of the aged came true, and there was to be a wedding at the old homestead.

Maud was preparing for the wedding which was to take place at eight o'clock that evening, when she received a call from a lady, who proved to be the wife of the gentleman who had owned the collection Maud had bought, and it developed in the conversation that Mr. Wilson had bought it of the lady, and that her husband was away at the time, that he was angry about the loss of his treasure, and demanded that his wife should buy it back again, and that the wife had called on Maud for the purpose of repurchasing the collection if possible, and offered \$1,000 advance. Said the lady, "And I do hope you will let me have it, as my husband is so unhappy and angry with me that there is no peace in the house."

Maud reflected: "No library is complete without a collection, but here is an unhappy woman—with a \$1,000 extra to replace her husband's treasure."

"Can it be that these Philatelists think more of their collections than they do of their wives or golden dollars. I believe I will find out."

"Yes, my good woman, you may have the book. Mr. Wilson will arrange the matter."

And the lady departed happy, showering blessings on Maud.

Maud dispatched a note to her lover containing these words:

"DEAR HENRY:—I have sold my collection, and my library is incomplete. I hope you will not—but am afraid you will—be angry. Please reply at once. All is nicely ready for evening. Yours, in haste,
MAUD."

The traveler mused and smiled. Great philatelist that he was. He mused and smiled again. Great lover that he was; then he wrote:

"Anger is the weapon of the tempest, and has naught to do with true love. Wealth will restore you a treasure of equal value for your library—you will need me worse now. For I am posted on philatelic subjects, and will make effort to replace your treasure if you so desire. I have no doubt you parted with it for a good reason instead of a good price." ("I wish I had not taken the extra \$1,000," said Maud, as she read it.) and trusting you, I remain till evening your absent lover,

Yours philately,

HENRY."

Glance backward through the mystic circles of the past, and turn again with the kindling ray which lights the diamond, whose beams of power bind spheres.

Philately is the granite rock.

Love gives it a touch of lily whiteness.

The heart measures all joys.

We only love Philately since it makes us lovable and wise.

WHY I BECAME A COLLECTOR OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

Early in youth I exhausted the round of pleasures. I rode, danced, fenced, studied, dined, visited the play, picture halls and old book stalls. I loved and lost, traveled and returned home fatigued with living, uninterested and unamused, though searching like Alexander for a new world to conquer.

A bright child sought me out one morning, when a new thought was in demand, and asked me for the old stamps on the letters I had accumulated in my travels. I consented. I watched the shears as they hacked into many a memory of old scenes, places and faces, and I enquired:

"What art thou doing, child. Why save the old stamps?"

"Why do you wear a ring?" asked the child.

"In memory of my mother," I replied.

"I save the stamps in memory of the history of half a century," said the child.

I sought more bundles of ancient missives, letters and papers. In the course of time the child, with my assistance, had made a collection of which we were proud, and I had found a new world of thought, added a treasure volume to our store. As my interest deepened, my knowledge quickened, I found that of all the thought preservers, memory builders, art instructors, stamp collecting out shone all.

We may prize an old musical instrument, but our album, like the rocks of time, speaks in symbols like passage of the progress of man. The smallest valuable silent teachers of much that it were worth one's while to know—are stamps. Having discovered so much in my journey of life, I remain a stamp collector to the end. But the door of the temple of Philately was opened to me by a child. We share alike to the end. The purest of heart's memories is gratitude, and I am grateful that in my hour of need I saw the light, and I have been studying the stamps ever since. So we share alike, and we await "The Worlds Fair" to display our treasures, and if one small part of the joy they have given us is reflected on any one, he will be happy indeed.

PHILATELIC FRIEND.

CHICAGO NOTES.

Of course all newspapers will have no end of talk about the Columbian issue of postage stamps and the "enthusiastic collectors who came at 4 p. m. and staid in line for five hours to get the first stamps." They may be collectors, but at the same time are idiots. To stand in line five hours and then order two 2-cent stamps when they could be gotten an hour later by waiting a few minutes, denotes a man with brains missing, and a man without brains is not liable to be an enthusiastic stamp collector.

Well, this is Chicago's new paper. May it have a long, prosperous life, do justice to Chicago and bring money to its young and enterprising publisher. Don't discourage or disappoint him, and he will do the rest.

Poor Tom Ferris! Has been accused of being identical with "yours truly." Feel sorry for you myself.

C. D. Reimes is still alive,—at least we haven't received news to the contrary—and so is his paper. Guess he wont make any more attempts to get second-class rates in the Chicago Post Office.

Ginger bread and a cut of apple pie. That is the day in and day out dinner bill of fare of that W. P. U. organizer and pusher, Mr. Arthur P. Hosmer. Wonder if ginger bread and apple pie gives a man push. If so, we must try it.

The Chicago Postage Stamp Company is a new concern, but Thompson and Pierce are old timers, and need no introduction, having both dealt in stamps for the last twenty years.

The W. P. U. has several pushers and hard workers. Hosmer, with his ginger bread and apple pie, originally set the ball in motion, and with the help of Ross, Ferris and Massoth keep it rolling. Ross is indeed an untiring and hard worker, and asks no pay for it from the society. Many a night has he sat up till midnight getting the auction lots in shape.

Massoth is still changing around. One day he is in the stamp line, the next time in real estate, then clocks, and now he bobs up in the clothing business: But ere long he will go to stamps again, and stay and die there, and is going to make a grand success of it. If you thing, Frank, please leave those cabbage, you call cigars, in Indiana where they

Mr. S. M. Meyers, whom Massoth imported from Hanover City, Indiana, holds a good position here in a large establishment on the west side, besides being interested with Massoth in some of the latter's enterprises. Is a fine fellow all the way through, and lots of girls are stuck on him. No wonder, he collects stamps.

The past year has been a good one for the Chicago philatelic societies, and the death list of members was very small. There was one young man, though, who died with very little having been said after him. A smart, bright young man, at all times willing to do whatever he could and make the interests of the W. P. U. his own. We refer to Mr. John Larson, whose untimely demise caused much sorry in the ranks of the W. P. U.

J. S. Smith of Oak Park, at one time publisher of the North American Philatelist, is not heard of very much these days. He is still alive and a good friend of Fred Hoyt, another W. B. U. enthusiast.

The S. P. Bradt Co. has been changed to the Western Stamp and Coin Co., Mr. Bradt having retired for the present time, selling his interest in the concern to Mr. D. T. Higginson. Mr. Bradt will start in business later on under his own name.

The youngest son was a son of a gun,
Collected curos' relics, stamps and mon'.
Saved his pennies and started a stamp paper,
And now the poor boy is wearing craper.

BILLY SIPPS, Jr.

REVIEWS.

Mr. Bradt has found the picture of a better looking man than himself to adorn his circulars.

As an imitator, the Era is successful.

P. J. of G. B. omits to review their views in "November." If they should fail us altogether, what would we do?

Gus Luhn has made two discoveries—that the I. P. did not notice his paper, and that some southern stamp boys have some masonic virtues. "The Southern Philatelist" is the very best Magazine on earth, south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

The Florida Philatelist is either dead or sick.

The "Golden Star" has discovered another hair-line variety. Wonderful! So small. How could such a little "Star" twinkle so?

The American Journal of Philately is Standard.

The Stamp News a happy friend.

The American Philatelist is the coming Leader.

The American Philatelic Magazine for December, contains an editorial essay on the 3c. pink, which all collectors, young and old, should read. He has found the color and the word by which it is known. Happy Man.

FIRST POSTAGE STAMP,

The Italians Claim the Honor of Having Produced It.

The Italians claim to be the first who introduced postage stamps into the world of 'letters,' says Galignani's Messenger. Now if you open any encyclopedia, whether Italian or foreign, you will see that the postage stamp was invented by Rowland Hill, and was introduced into use in 1840. But Italians now say that all this is wrong and that the postage stamp is an Italian invention, and was introduced in Turin in '18 under Victor Emanuel I., king of Sardinia, the first stamp being an allegorical design of a genius on horseback, surrounded by a round frame, oval frame, and octagon frame, of the worth of 15 cents, 25 cents, and 50 cents. These first stamps, however, were rather postal cards than stamps, since the writing was on them, and not inclosed within any 'envelope. They could be folded, however, and sealed.

These remained in use until 1836. It was precisely this system, Italians now say, that Sir Rowland Hill adopted (though the encyclopedias say he invented it) twenty-two years after. Afterward Thomas Chalmers proposed the separate postage stamp, to be placed on any kind of letter or envelope to please the writer, and this soon became adopted by other countries. In 1857 the United States of America again robbed Italy of its invention by making stamped envelopes for Newspapers. In 1875 Austria also robbed Italy of its invention by introducing postal cards. In 1882 Belgium robbed Italy of its original creation by introducing postal notes. All the fuss, therefore, that was made during the fifteenth anniversary of the postage stamps, and which gave so much honor to England, should have devolved on Italy, where it was first invented and introduced in 1818. At least, so say the Italians.

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An Apology

Is due to the patrons of the CHICAGO PHILATELIST owing to the late appearance of our first number. We will try to appear on time, and in better shape with our February number.

A Philatelic Love Letter.

WATERMARK, C. C., Sept. 21st, '92.

Miss U. S. Obsolete:

This is to inform you that you have won my affection, perforated my heart, in fact, surcharged my soul, and mutilated my spirit with thoughts only of thee.

I am a sticker, and will hang tight to such a rarity as yourself until I gain your approval, and shall expect a report from you on this matter inside of ten days.

Of all the Philatelic sweethearts in our album of history, you are the oldest and worthiest of a great price.

You are no counterfeit or essay. I know you to be the old original.

Your age might deter many a man from worshipping at such a shrine, but not so with a Philatelist. I have measured your virtues with a Philatelic rule, and find the measure correct.

Having observed that you are indented with, I desire to add you to my collection, and have you become a Philatelic treasure indeed.

Yours, A. FRIEND.

Department Interior.

The C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., of St. Louis, Mo., have failed for \$150,000, so says the Chicago Evening Post, of the 18th inst. Wonder if this is true? If so, this is a great surprise for all dealers and collectors.

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